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SUBJECT: KIDNAP VICTIM ARANGUREN FOUND DEAD.

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1. BODY OF GUADALAJARA INDUSTRIALIST LUIS FERNANDO ARANGUREN CASTIELLO, WHO HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED OCT 10, WAS FOUND IN PARKED CAR IN THAT CITY EVENING OCT 18. ARANGUREN REPORTEDLY DIED OF TWO MORE BULLET WOUNDS IN HEAD AND MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED AS EARLY AS MORNING OF OCT 16.

2. DISCOVERY CAME AFTER GUADALAJARA JOURNALIST RECEIVED ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL GIVING LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CAR. CALLER SAID, "WE EXECUTED HIM BECAUSE HE WAS A BOURGEOIS."

3. DEPUTY CHIEF OF DIRECCION FEDERAL DE SEGURIDAD (DFS) MIGUEL NASSAR, AT PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING DISCOVERY OF BODY, ANNOUNCED THAT AUTHORITIES ON OCT 16 HAD ARRESTED 18-YEAR-OLD WOMAN NAMED BEATRIZ GARCIA MEDRANO, SAID TO

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BE GIRLFRIEND OF JOSE LUIS ANDALON VALLE, 19, LEADER OF

GANG KNOWN AS "LOS VIKINGOS" WHICH ALLEGEDLY KIDNAPPED BOTH ARANGUREN AND HONORARY BRITISH CONSUL ANTHONY DUNCAN WILLIAMS (RELEASED OCT 14; SEE REFTTEL). NASSAR APPEALED FOR PUBLIC COOPERATION IN SEARCH FOR ANDALON AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS GANG, SO FAR IDENTIFIED ONLY BY NICKNAMES.

4. NASSAR INDICATED, ON BASIS OF GARCIA'S INTERROGATION, THAT WILLIAMS WAS RELEASED "BECAUSE HE HAD NO MONEY" AND WAS NOT MEMBER OF "EXPLOITING CLASS." HE REPORTEDLY STATED THAT ANDALON GANG HAD NO POLITICAL MOTIVES AND WAS OUT ONLY FOR MONEY. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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5. COMMENT: DFS JUDGMENT FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION REGARDING LACK OF POLITICAL MOTIVATION OF THESE KIDNAPPINGS HAS YET TO BE SQUARED WITH KIDNAPPERS' DEMAND FOR RELEASE OF 51 POLITICAL PRISONERS AND OTHERS, AND IT SHOULD PROBABLY BE CONSIDERED DISINGENUOUS. WE ANTICIPATE STRONG PUBLIC REACTION AGAINST KILLING OF ARANGUREN BUT DOUBT THAT GOM WILL BE SWAYED FROM ITS NEW POLICY OF REFUSING TO YIELD TO KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS; SEE MEXICO 7758 AND A-531, POUCHED OCT 19.
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